

Preliminary 2000-2001 Iowa Public School Certified Enrollment Highlights
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Historical Perspective

- Following a 20-year enrollment decline, Iowa public school enrollments increased for eight consecutive years from 1988-89 through 1996-97 and have since declined over the past four years.
- The peak enrollment year over the past 10 years was in 1996-97 when enrollments reached 505,523.

Current Year 2000-2001

- In 2000-2001 public school enrollment decreased by 4,265 students from the previous school year representing a decline of .86 percent.
- 262 of Iowa's 374 school districts or 70 percent, experienced enrollment declines in 2000-2001. These 262 districts reported a combined enrollment loss of 6,855 students.
- 111 Iowa school districts or 30 percent reported increases in enrollment in 2000-2001 and 1 school district remained unchanged. These 111 districts reported a combined enrollment gain of 2,590 students.

Greatest Changes

- The absolute change in enrollment over the previous year varied from a decrease of 485 students in the Council Bluffs School District to an increase of 301 students in the Waukee School District.
- The greatest percentage increase in enrollment was reported by the Waukee School District, 14.5 percent, while the greatest percentage decrease in enrollment was -16.8 percent, reported by Clearfield School District.
- 7 school districts experienced an increase of 100 or more students (all of these districts had enrollments of 2,000 and above).
- 8 school districts experienced a decrease of 100 or more students (all of these districts had enrollments of 2,000 and above).
- 3 school districts experienced an increase of 5 percent or more and 1 district experienced an increase in enrollment of 10 percent or more.

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- 54 school districts experienced a decrease of 5 percent or more and 5 school districts reported a decrease in enrollment of 10 percent or more compared to 44 and 5 districts respectively in the previous year.

Changes by District Enrollment Category

Enrollment Category	1999-00 Enrollment	2000-01 Enrollment	Absolute Difference	Percent Change	Number of Districts
Under 250	4,610	5,101	491	10.65	27
250-399	18,455	17,727	-728	-3.94	53
400-599	36,681	37,556	875	2.39	74
600-999	82,248	78,927	-3,321	-4.04	104
1,000-2,499	126,734	126,075	-659	- .52	83
2,500-7,499	96,816	96,450	-366	- .38	24
7,500+	133,063	132,506	-557	- .42	9
Total	498,607	494,342	-4265	- .86	374

Districts Reporting the Greatest Changes in Enrollments

Gains and losses in terms of absolute enrollment differences 2000-2001 vs. 1999-2000

Gains		Losses	
District Name	Number of Students	District Name	Number of Students
Waukee	301	Council Bluffs	-485
Johnston	170	Davenport	-332
Ankeny	143	Burlington	-158
College	127	Clinton	-148
Des Moines	124	Fort Dodge	-144
Linn-Mar	118	Ames	-112
Southeast Polk	104	Keokuk	-104
Muscatine	70	Mason City	-102
Norwalk	63	Cedar Falls	-97
Pella	55	Bettendorf	-85

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